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For: TRANSFERABLE MAGNETIC TAPE,
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME,
AND MAGNETIC CARD

Examiner: H. C. Rickman

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2008, and prior to further reexamination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection as unpatentable over Kubota et al. in view of Marechal et al. The present invention relates to a transferable magnetic tape in which a printed layer, a magnetic recording layer, and an adhesive layer are layered in sequence upon a backing film with said printed layer closest to said backing film. In other words, when the transferable magnetic tape of the present invention is transferred to a card base material to prepare a magnetic card, a region in the form of a tape, in which the adhesive layer, the magnetic recording layer and the printed layer are formed in sequence on the card base material with the adhesive layer closest to the base material, is formed. The aforementioned tape-shaped region is a region directly linked to reproduced output for carrying out signal reading by contacting a magnetic head substantially to the entire width of the region in the form of a tape. In order to obtain reproduced output with reduced output variations, the smoothness of the surface of the